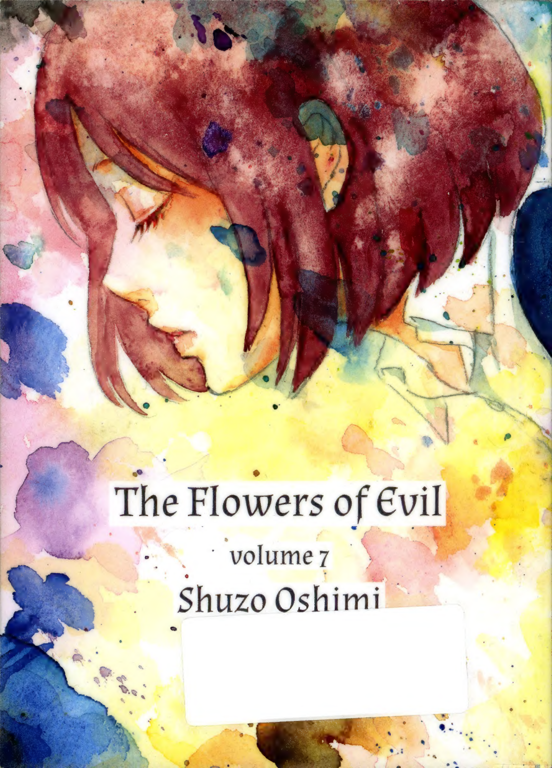
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—*Stumptown Trade Review*

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ALL YOU SHIT-BUGS IN THIS TOWN !!!
本五

HEY—!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET DOWN FROM THERE!
KASUGA...
GIVE ME THAT.

STAY THE FUCK BACK.
UH...

キュル キュル
TWIST TWIST
カポッ
PLOP
ドプ
GLOGG
ドプ
GLOGG
ドプッ
GLOGG
EEEEK!
WHOA
ポタ
DRIPP
ポター
DRIPP
KASUGA

ON ME, TOO.
...
OKAY.
チャプ
SLOSH
ドプッ
BLUBB

ドプッ
GLOGG
ドプッ
GLOGG
ドプッ
GLOGG
ガゴッ
KLUNK

Fare-well!
Fare-well!
All shit-bugs!!

DIE!!
DIE!!
DIE!!
THIS TOWN IS HELL!
LIVING HERE IS HELL!
NOBODY HEARS!
THE SOUND ECHOING FARAWAY, BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS!
NOBODY HEARS THAT FLOWER BLOOMING!!

EX-CUSE ME!
EXCUSE ME, LET ME THROUGH ...
SAWA ...
SINK !! SINK !!
ALL OF IT SINK !!!

I SAW YOU.
RUSTING! ROTTING, SINK!!!
A SLIMY YUCKY MUCK !!
WRITE ME AN ESSAY ABOUT IT.
I MUST BE A PER-VERT, TOO.

BUT !!
THAT WASN'T ALL!!
I'm a shit-bug too !!!

IN THE SAME MUD
ONLY FACING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION
I'LL PEEL IT ALL OFF.
MORE!
I AM THE
REAL SHIT-BUG!!!

I'VE... OFTEN THOUGHT
MAYBE THERE'S NOTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE.
THE SOUND A TOWN MAKES SINKING INTO A SEA OF SHITBUGS...
THERE IS NO OTHER SIDE !!!

WE CAN'T EVER!!
WON'T EVER LEAVE THIS TOWN!!
JUST KEEP ON PET-TING YOUR-SELF
IN A TRANCE ALL LIFE LONG!
THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA.
JUST LIVING OUT OUR LIVES FACED AWAY
AS FAKE PERVS!!!

FOR-EVER!
AND EVER AND EVER AND EVER!
AND I...
DON'T WANT TO DIE.
SHIT-BUGS!!!

SHIT-BUGS!!
SHITBUGS!
SHIT-BUGS!!
SHIT-BUGS!!

NAKA-
MURA
...
LET'S
GO
...

Wha
?
TAKAO!
THUDD

TAKAO !!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
TA-KAO ...
I'M SORRY ...
I'M SO SORRY ...

KASUGA
BYE BYE
I'M
GOING SOLO.

NAKAMURA

LIVE

Chapter 34: Precious Thoughts

The Flowers of Evil

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補聴器取扱い
カラオケ
カラオケ
TOKACHIMAYA
モデルルーム
公開中
右折
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SAITAMA PREFECTURAL MIGIWA HIGH SCHOOL
埼玉県立 みぎわ高等学校
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WHICH MEANS THAT THE AUTHOR'S FEELINGS HERE ...
... SO AS FAR AS THIS ISSUE GOES ...

LET'S HAVE THE NEXT PAGE READ OUT LOUD.
LESSEE, SINCE TODAY IS THE TENTH, SEAT NUMBER 10.
KASUGA!
ガタ
CLATTER
YES.

"THE SUN CLIMBS THE CLIFF
AND SORROW WALKS LOW UNDER THE BRIDGE."
"BEHIND THE RAILROAD FENCE THAT STRETCHES ENDLESSLY BENEATH THE VAST SKY..."
"WHEN I BELIEVED IN NOTHING, I RAGED THAT YOU DID BELIEVE."
"WHEN I DENIED NO LUST, I DENOUNCED WHAT YOU DESIRED."
マルフク

キーンコーンカーン
DING DONG DING

No, no, no!
Big tits are not the way! Flat chests are the royal road!
HUH? I DUNNO, MAN.
I LIKE MY BOOBS BIGGER...
TRUE, THERE'S A LIMIT.
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!
HA HA HA...

A FLAT GIRL WILL BE LIKE, "I KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH IN THE WAY OF..."
IT'S THAT MODESTY THAT'S SEXY!
A BIG-CHESTED GIRL'S LIKE A GUY WITH A BIG DICK!
THERE'S NO DEPTH THERE!!
YOU, SIR, ARE A PERV.
I'M NOT WITH THAT AT ALL.
RIGHT, KASUGA?
UH... HEH, I GUESS.
WHAT THE HELL, KASUGA, YOU WITH HIM TOO?
HA HA, NAH...
WHAT?!

THAT'S HARSH!
I KNOW, RIGHT?
HA HA HA
TOKI-WA...
THAT MODEL-TYPE BOD.
YEAH ...
THOSE LONG LEGS...

BUT I DUNNO ABOUT A GIRL TALLER THAN ME...
YEAH, I CAN GET THAT.
FOR ME IT'S SHORT GIRLS WITH FLAT CHESTS.
THAT JUST MAKES YOU A PEDO!
VROOOOO
THE NEXT STOP IS KAMO-GAWA CONDOS, KAMO-GAWA CONDOS.

ぐつ
BLUB
ぐつ
BLUB
ぐつ
BLUB

AH, DELICIOUS!
TASTES SO GOOD!
REALLY?
YEAH!
I TAKE IT IT'S NOT THE USUAL?
I DID SPLURGE SOME.
AH, SO THAT'S IT!
ISN'T THIS SUPER, TAKAO?
MM-HM...
NOM

I COULD SWITCH, THEN.
YEAH, DO.
YUM, YUM!
SIPP
WE'VE GOT UDON NOODLES, TOO.
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
WHOOOO

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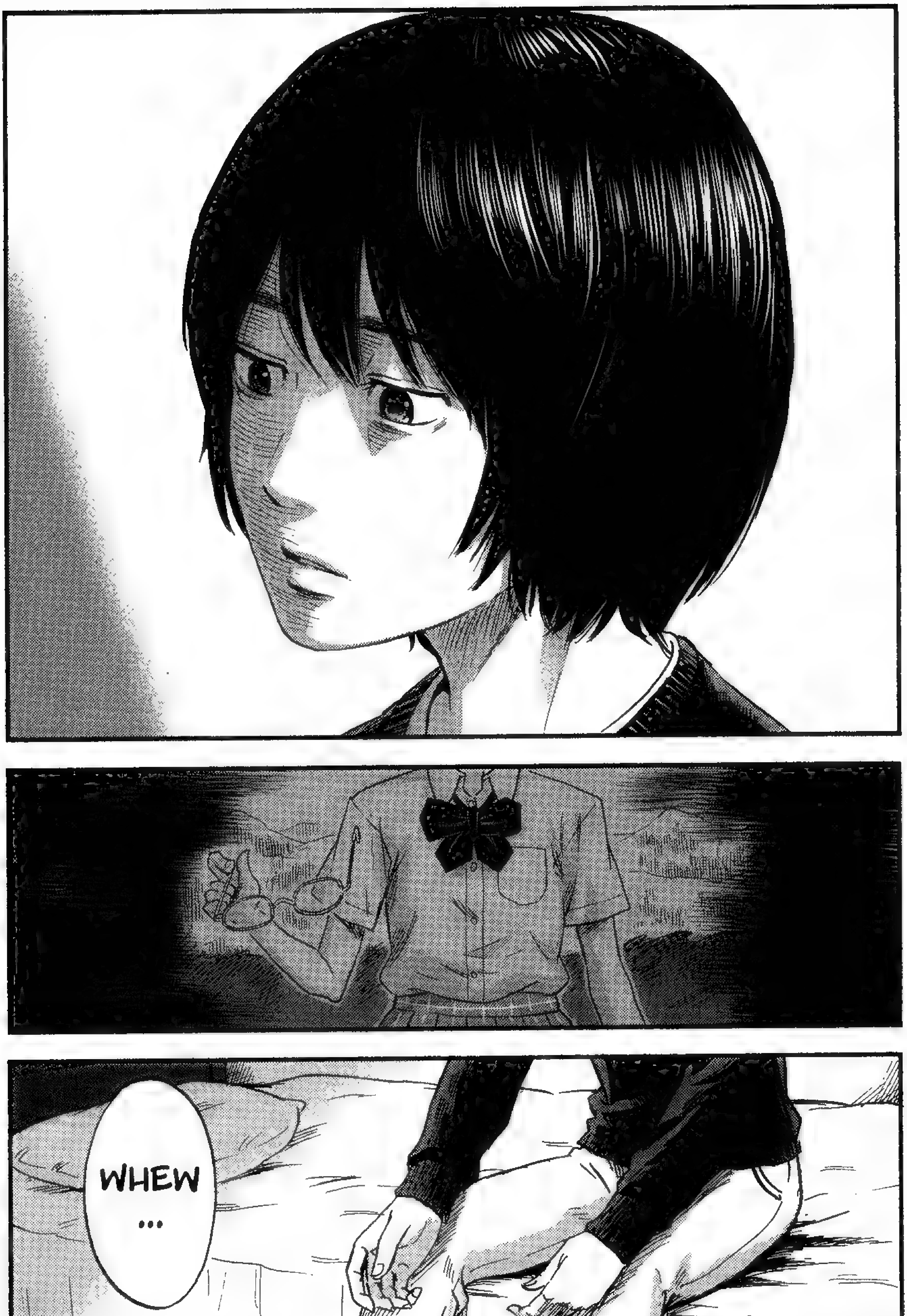
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WHOOOOOO
RATTLE
RATTLE
CHATTER
huh?
CHATTER
HA
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CHATTER
HA
HA
HA
uncle is not as young as
No, look, I'm telling you!
Short hair is the best, period!

NOPE! I TOTALLY DISAGREE. GIVE ME LONG BLACK HAIR ANY DAY!
WHO'S LIVING IN A DREAM WORLD, MAN?!
AM I RIGHT, KASUGA?!
HA HA... SURE.
Hey, you guys.
Are you free today?

HUH ?
UH
SURE ... WHY ?
THAT KARAOKE PLACE BY THE STATION HAS
A DEAL FOR GROUPS OF SEVEN OR MORE.
BUT WE COULDN'T ROUND UP ENOUGH GIRLS.
WE WERE THINKING YOU GUYS WOULD DO.
WE'D "DO" ?!
Hmm ?!
Tokiwa, you're going too?
YUP, I AM.
SO HOW ABOUT IT?

CLATTER
I'LL COME, YES!!
ME TOO, ME TOO!
OF COURSE!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KASU-GA?
NAH...
I'LL PASS...
AH.
DIDN'T THINK SO.

ARE YOU SURE?
IT'S COOL. HE'S JUST LIKE THAT.
WE'VE STILL GOT SEVEN PEOPLE, SO IT'S FINE!
MAN, I HAVEN'T BEEN TO KARAOKE IN FOREVER.
SERIOUSLY?
WAIT, DO YOU GO TO KARAOKE A LOT, TOKIWA?
I GUESS.
HA HA HA
Uh...!

Um ...
Actually ... can I come, too?
KARAOKE MATSUTA
♪ STUFFING HIS MOUTH WITH A RED APPLE
AND IN A NAVY-BLUE T-SHIRT ♪

♪ HE'S SO, SO CUTE
THAT BOY YOUNGER THAN ME ♪
Yeaaaah!!
CLAP
CHAKA
CLAP
Tokiwa!!
YOU GUYS! YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD!
HA HA HA HA!

OKAY! MY TURN NEXT!
Yay, Sasaki!
HMM... UH...
Ultra Soul!
HA HA HA HA

YEAAAAH!
FLOPP
AHA HAHA HAHA!
EEEK! WATCH IT!
HEY!
HUFF
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SANG TOO, KASUGA!
HUFF
UM...
YEAH, UH...
JUST...
GIVE ME A SECOND...
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS, JUST SING!
SORRY...
I GUESS... I'LL PASS AFTER ALL.

...
This month's Power Push!
SINCE YOU DID COME, WHY NOT TRY AND HAVE A LITTLE MORE FUN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU'RE KIND OF GLOOMY, AREN'T YOU?
...
...
...

W-
WELL, ANYWAY!
WHFF
I'LL JUST GO NEXT, THEN!
WHOOOO

カラオケマッタ 24h
MAN, I SANG MY HEAD OFF!
カラオケマッタ 24h
MY VOICE IS HOARSE!
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?
I'M HUNGRY!
ME TOO!
WANNA HIT AN MCD'S?
SURE, WHY NOT.
OKAY,
RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE GOING!
Me!
Me!

I'LL JUST GO HOME.
I HAVE STUFF I NEED TO DO, SO...
BYE!
OH... OKAY.
THANKS FOR COMIN'.

HA HA HA HA
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD SINGER, TOKIWA!
WHY'D HE EVEN COME?

I CAN'T ...
I JUST CAN'T.
I'M NEITHER NORMAL NOR A WACKO ...
TRY AS I MIGHT
DIDN'T I DECIDE TO MAKE MYSELF OVER?
WHOOOOOO

ALL OF ME?
WHOOOOOOO
I'VE GOT TO.
THAT'S ALL OVER, NOW...
I'VE GOT TO, ON MY OWN...

NO WAY ...

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

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STUP
たっ
STUP
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STUP

NAKAMU-
ra
...

... YES ?!
...
UH...
S-SORRY.
I THOUGHT... YOU WERE SOMEONE ELSE.

SURE ...
WHOOOOOO
HA HA ...

I CAN'T. THERE'S NO WAY I'LL EVER FORGET ...

WHERE ARE YOU ?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

NAKA-MURA ...

Chapter 35: While Yearning for Far-Off Skies

ONE, TWO ...
BOOM !
WHAP

HER? SERIOUSLY?
AW, WE OVERLAPPED.
SHE'S TOTALLY HOT, YEAH?
HEY,
GET IN ON THIS, KASUGA~!
CHATTER
CHATTER
UH... SURE.
HA HA HA
SO, WHAT'S THE NEXT ROUND GONNA BE?
CHATTER
HOW ABOUT "WHO'D YOU PICK TO BE YOUR LITTLE SIS?"
GOOD ONE!
OKAY! HAVE YOU DECIDED?!
ONE, TWO...
UH—

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CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
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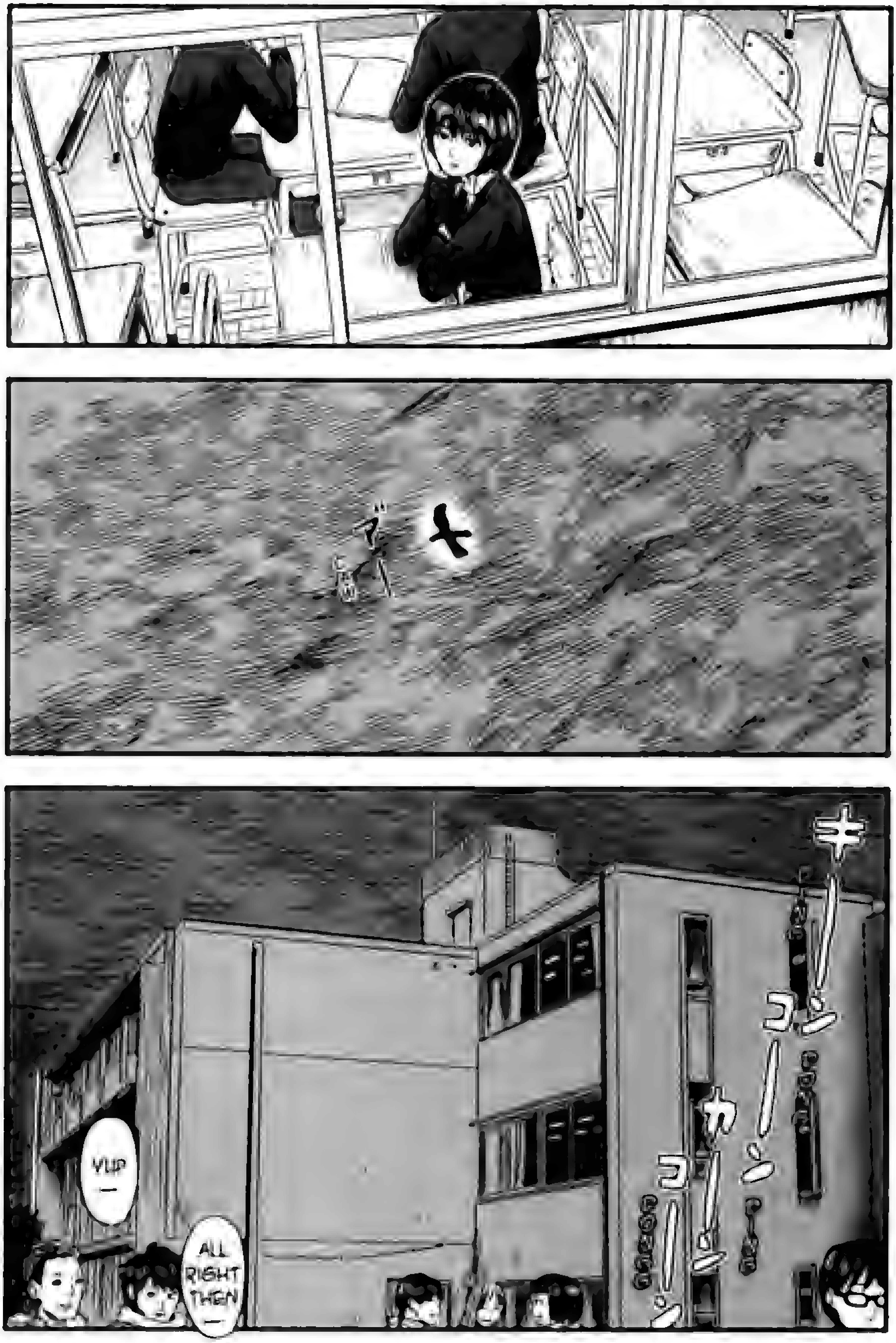
CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
TOKIWA...
THAT KARAOKE SURE WAS FUN.
YEAH...
TOKIWA HAD A... GREAT SINGING VOICE.
HOPE WE CAN DO THAT AGAIN.

WHO'RE THOSE GUYS WITH HER?
THEY'RE FROM HER CLASS.
DAMN... WHY AM I NOT IN HER CLASS?
THEY LOOK PRETTY USED TO HER.
NO CHANCE AGAINST THAT.
BUT WE GOT KINDA CLOSE TO HER THE OTHER TIME, DIDN'T WE?
WELL, TO BEGIN WITH ...
DOES TOKIWA HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?
SHE'S GOTTA.
YEAH.
THEY PROBABLY GO AT IT LIKE CRAZY.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ALL RIGHT THEN —
YUP —

段差あり
WEL-COME, WEL-COME!
OUR YEAR-END SALE IS ON NOW!
パンパン
CLAP
THANK YOU, SIR.
DAMN, IT'S COLD.

WEL-
COME
!
ZUM
ZUM
MAIN
STREET
一番街
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

HAH...
TUP
PLISH

... HEY.

OH...
I'M SORR—

YO, ASS-HOLE ...
WHY'D YOU GO AND SPILL TETSU'S ODEN, AHH?
S-
SORRY ...!
UH... ER...
I'LL P-PAY FOR IT, SO...
PAY ?!
YOU THINK FUCKIN' MONEY'S GONNA FIX THIS?!
THAT'S PRETTY FUCKIN' LOW OF YOU!!

AW, C'MON.
I'M NOT A MONSTER OR NOTHIN'.
...
I'M SORRY...
LET'S JUST GO TALK OVER THERE.
COOL?
ゴォォォ
WOOOOOO
ゴトンゴトン
KACHUNK
ゴトンゴトン
KACHUNK

KACHUNK
KACHUNK
ALL RIGHT, NOW.
FIRST, GIVE ME ALL THE CASH YOU GOT.
HUH?
LOOK, I'M SERIOUSLY TRAUMA-TIZED BY YOU SPILLIN' MY ODEN.
SO THAT'S JUST FAIR, RIGHT?
C'MON.
BUT...
NO, UM...
THAT'S... JUST...

MPAH
SMAKK
Just cough it up!
Stop your damn mum-bling!
I can't tell what the fuck you're saying!
WHAP
...

HUH? THIS IS ALL?
EH, WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO.
THE FUCK, MAN.
OH, WELL.
NOW GET LOST.
YEAH, SCRAM.
IS IT FUN?

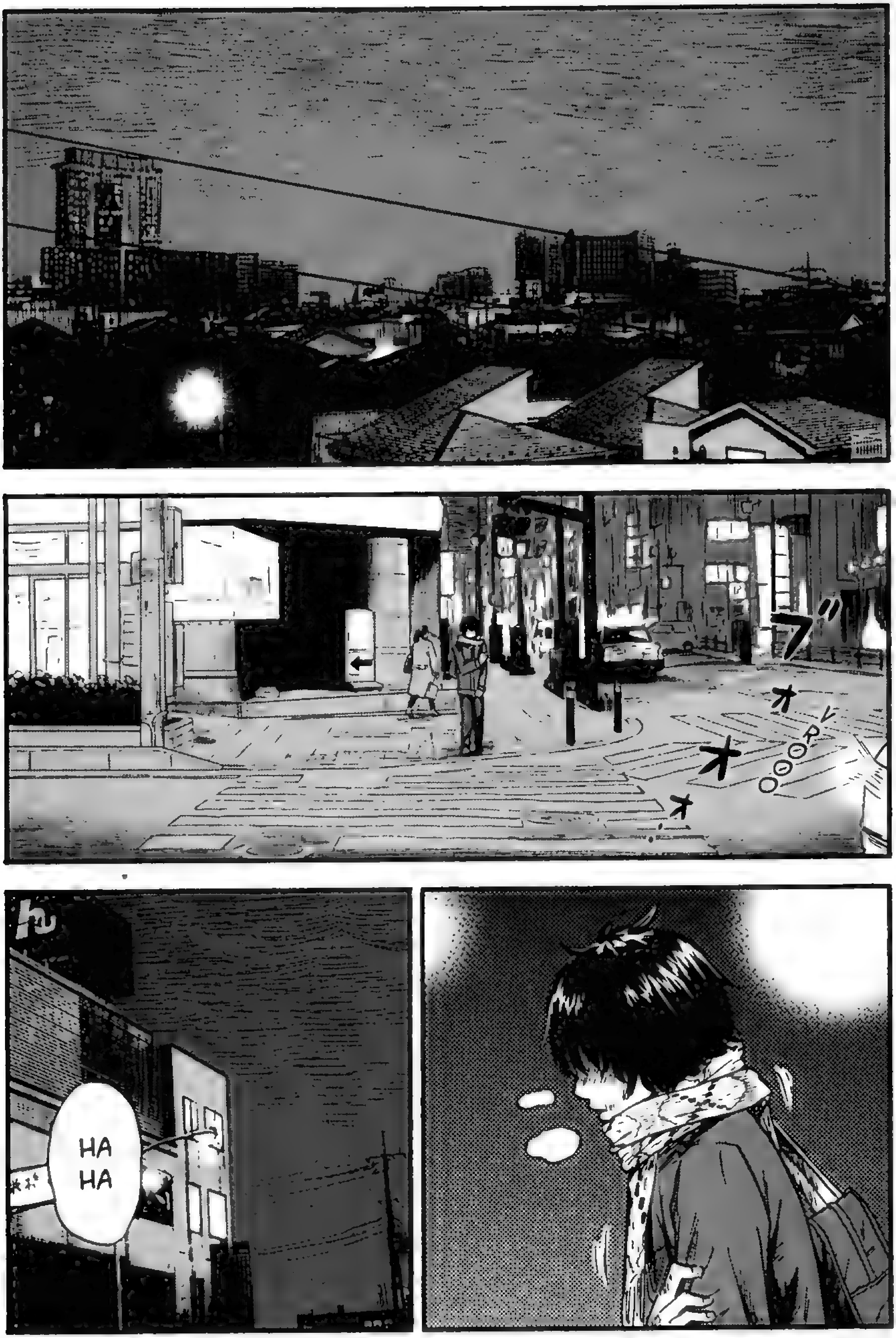
IT MUST BE FUN TO BE YOU GUYS.
YOU JUST LIVE YOUR LIVES WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT.
I'M JEALOUS.
I...
JUST DON'T GET IT.

I...
BACK THEN,
I DIED.
I LOST EVERYTHING.
BUT HERE I AM, STILL ALIVE.
BREATHING MY PATHETIC BREATHS.
WHEN THERE'S NO REASON TO. HA HA.
LIKE A ZOMBIE.
SO COULD YOU GUYS TELL ME?
HOW OUGHT I TO GO ON LIVING?
HOW DO I... YEAH—
LIVE AS SHAMELESSLY AS YOU GUYS DO?

Tell me,
will you, shit-bugs?
HEY.
YUP.
ゴトン
KACHUNK
ゴト
KACHUNK
ボフッ
WHOK
ゴシャッ
SMAKK
ダッ
THUD

PEH.
WHUMP
GUH —

I FUCKIN' HATE GREASY LITTLE BASTARDS LIKE YOU.
IF YOU'RE GONNA BE SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS, HURRY UP AND DIE ALREADY, SCUM.
let's get some-thing to eat
yeah
SHUF
SHUF
SHUF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VROOOO
HA HA

YEAH.
HE'S RIGHT.
I...
GUESS I OUGHTTA CROAK.
VROOOO

本書店
A USED BOOK-STORE...
TUCKED AWAY HERE.
VROOOO
HM.
BOOKS, HUH.

OF EVIL
THE FLOWERS OF EVIL
Baudelaire
Translation: Daigaku Horiguchi
Kodansha

TOKIWA.

THAT'S ... THAT'S —
THE FLOWERS OF EVIL... WHY?!
HEY ?!
OH... YOU CAME WITH US TO KARAOKE THE OTHER DAY...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE? ARE YOU HURT?
YOU KNOW THE FLOWERS OF EVIL ?!
YOU DO ?!

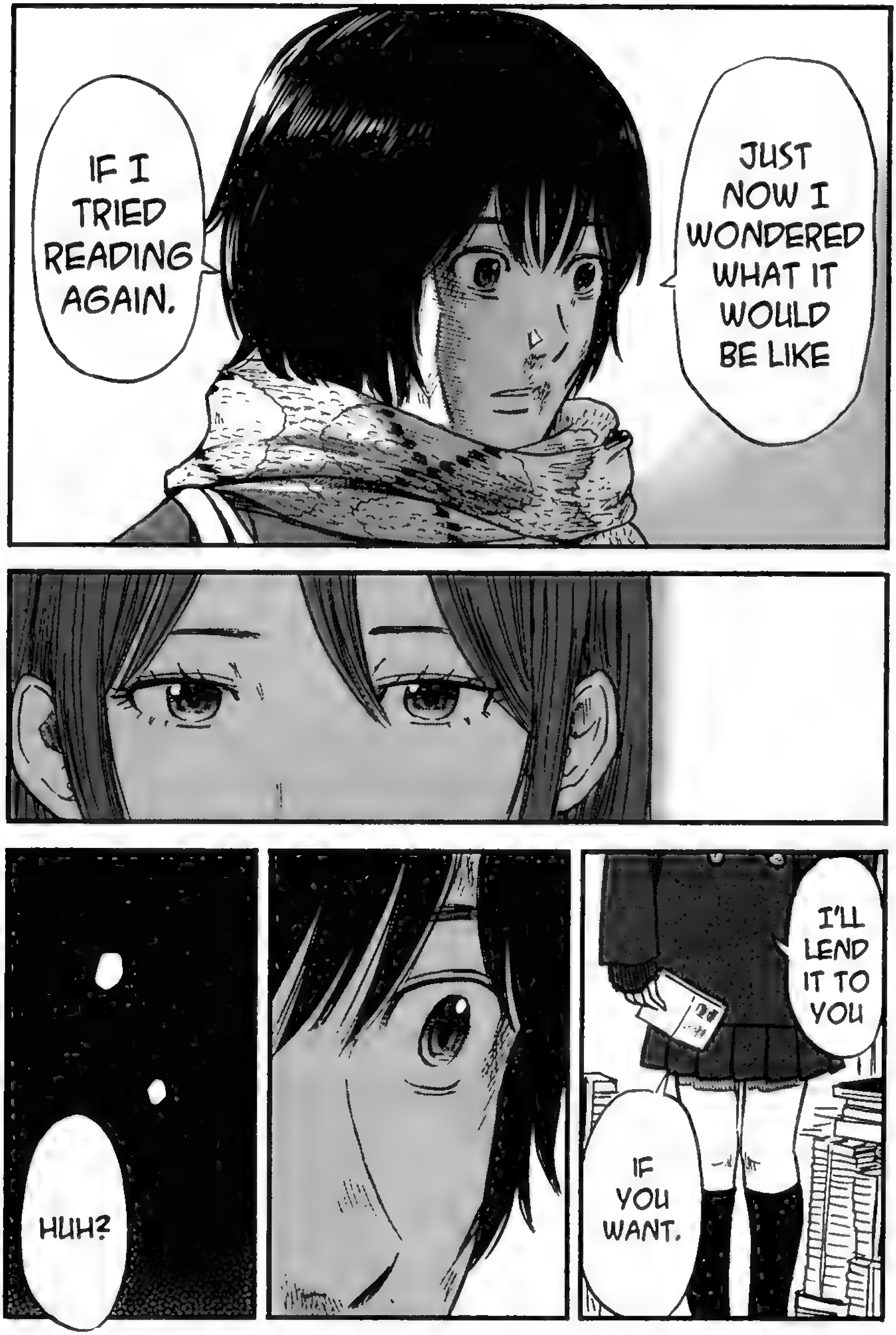
HUH ?!
WHAT'S YOUR PROB-LEM?
WHY ?!
HEY, YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT!
JUST CALM DOWN !!
UH ...

SORRY.
I JUST ...
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NO...
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE EVER SPOTTED READING THE FLOWERS OF EVIL, SO...
I JUST FORGOT MYSELF.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.

THERE'S THIS ...
NOVEL I'M READING AND...
A POEM BY BAUDELAIRE CAME UP AS THE KEY TO A RIDDLE.
SO WHEN I SAW THE FLOWERS OF EVIL JUST NOW
I WONDERED WHAT IT WAS LIKE AND PICKED IT UP.

SO, WHAT?
YOU LIKE BOOKS?
I...
USED TO.

I READ A LOT WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THE FLOWERS OF EVIL, I HAD WITH ME ALL THE TIME.
I WORE IT OUT READING IT.
BUT... I THREW IT AWAY.
ALL MY OTHER BOOKS, TOO. WHEN I MOVED HERE, I THREW THEM ALL AWAY.
SINCE THEN
I HAVEN'T READ A SINGLE PAGE.
BUT...


JUST NOW I WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE
IF I TRIED READING AGAIN.
I'LL LEND IT TO YOU
IF YOU WANT.
HUH?

THE NOVEL THAT BAUDELAIRE COMES UP IN.
IF YOU WANT TO READ IT.

YUP.

Chapter 36: Clinging to an Unfulfilled Dream

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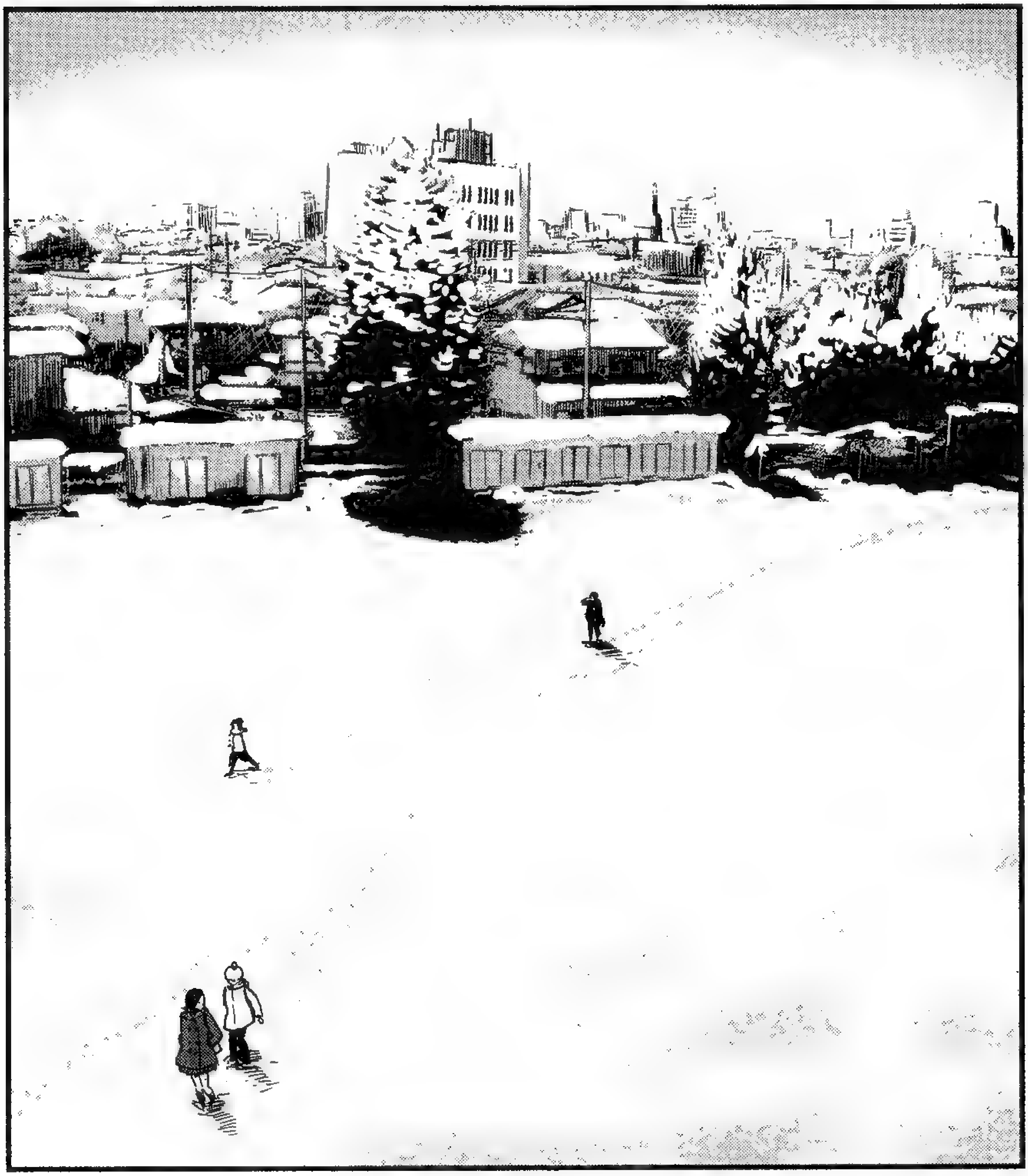
WHUMP



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CHATTER
KASU-GA! MORNING!
WHOA, WHAT'S THAT? HURT YOUR FACE?
UH, YEAH... I SORTA FELL.
HA HA ...

CHATTER
HEH, SLIP IN THE SNOW?
I HEARD THE BUS IS LATE.
CHATTER
GUESS THAT MEANS IT'S OKAY TO BE LATE TODAY.
seri-ously ?!
CHATTER
CRAP, I SHOULD'VE BEEN LATE, TOO!
DANG, IT'S COLD.
heya
CHATTER
HURRY, HURRY.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S CRAZY!
CHATTER
bwa ha haha

CHECK THIS OUT!
ISN'T THAT STUPID?!
HUH? OH MY GOD!!
HEY, IT'S TOKIWA—
AH HA HA HA HA
SO LAME!

TOTALLY DUMB! I MEAN, I'M CREEPED OUT!
OOH, HARSH.
AH HA HA
ザワ CHATTER
ザワ CHATTER
ザワ CHATTER
ha ha ha
キーンコーンカーン
DING DONG
DING DONGG

see ya
aha ha ha ha
bye!
YAWN
SEE YA.
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TO-DAY?
WANNA GRAB SOME RAMEN?
OOH, YES!

HUH? KASUGA, YOU GOING HOME?
LET'S GET SOME RAMEN, DUDE.
NO ...
I'M JUST GONNA HEAD HOME.
HUH. OKAY, SEE YA.
BYE.
SEE YA.
LATER!
KASUGA

WAIT UP.

SHUFF
HERE.
KAIO YAMABE
THE NOVEL I TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY THAT HAS BAUDELAIRE IN IT.
I BROUGHT IT.
OH ...

THANK YOU.
LESBOS
KAIO YAMABE
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL LIKE IT OR NOT.
OH, AND ALSO ...
THIS ONE IS GOOD.
SOJI SHIMADA
THE CANNIBAL TREE ON DARKNESS CLIMB
TRY IT.
WOW
THANK YOU.
bye bye
see ya!

YOU KNOW WHAT,
WHY DON'T YOU LEND ME SOMETHING GOOD TOO?
I CAN'T...
I THREW ALL MY BOOKS AWAY WHEN I MOVED HERE
AND I REALLY DON'T HAVE A SINGLE ONE. I'M SORRY.
yaa aha haha
cut it out!
UH HUH.
THEN JUST GIVE ME A TITLE.
YOU'VE READ LOTS, RIGHT?

HM?
ERM...
GIVE ME A SEC...
OH, BUT NOT LIKE THE FLOWERS OF EVIL.
I TRIED READING IT A LITTLE YESTERDAY BUT DIDN'T GET IT.
SOME SOLID NOVEL.
FUN, AND NICE AND LONG.
...
...NO, SORRY.
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

...
SIGH
OH WELL.
THEN
THINK OF ONE BY TOMORROW, OKAY?
UH...
SURE.
BYE.

SKREEE
...
THE CANNIBAL TREE
OF
DARKNESS CLUB
KCHUK
Ow!
WHAPP

KASU-GA, YOU ...
THAT WAS TOKIWA!
GIMME THAT!
SNATCH
HEY!
WHY? HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ?!
HNNG!
TELL US EVERY-THING!
I-IT'S NOTH-ING!
I JUST RAN INTO HER AT THE BOOKSTORE YESTERDAY AND SHE SAID SHE'D LEND ME A BOOK, THAT'S ALL...
YOU LUCKY STIFF!
KASUGA

I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU.
HUH?
SHE HAS
A BOY-FRIEND.
I HEARD FROM A GUY IN TOKIWA'S CLASS.
SHE'S GOING OUT WITH A GUY FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL WHO'S ABOVE HER. SHE MET HIM AT HER PART-TIME JOB.

KA-SU-GA
SIGH
MAYBE IT'S GOOD THAT YOU FOUND OUT NOW.
NO, I...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEAS LIKE THAT.
I JUST BORROWED A BOOK, THAT'S ALL.
WHEW
SIGH
KA-SU-GA
OOPS
...

ビュ
WHOOOOOOOO
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ぎし
KREAK
ジャー
カチャ
カチャ

DAD
BATH IS ALL YOURS ...
HUH ?
AH... OKAY.
HEY, TAKAO.
C'MERE FOR A SECOND.

WHAT?
AH HA HA HA
JUST SIT DOWN.
AN UNBE-LIEVABLE DEVEL-OPMENT AFTER THESE MESSAGES!
HOW ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS?
DRINK A DRINK
ARE YOU, YOU KNOW, DOING FINE?
FINE HOW?
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
KLINK
HMM?

DEAR,
HURRY UP AND GO TAKE YOUR BATH.
NAH ...
I THINK I'LL SKIP IT TODAY.
HUH? TODAY TOO?
ARE YOU GOING TO FALL ASLEEP HERE AGAIN? DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DO!
Tsk
JUST LEAVE IT.
LEAVE IT! ALL RIGHT?
I TRY TO WAKE YOU, BUT YOU JUST WON'T.
I'VE GOT THINGS I HAVE TO DO, YOU KNOW!

YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT.
GO!
GEEZ...
ドカ STOMP
ドカ STOMP
ビュ
WHOOOOOO
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ギシ
KREAK
SIGH
THEN
THINK OF ONE BY TOMORROW, OKAY?

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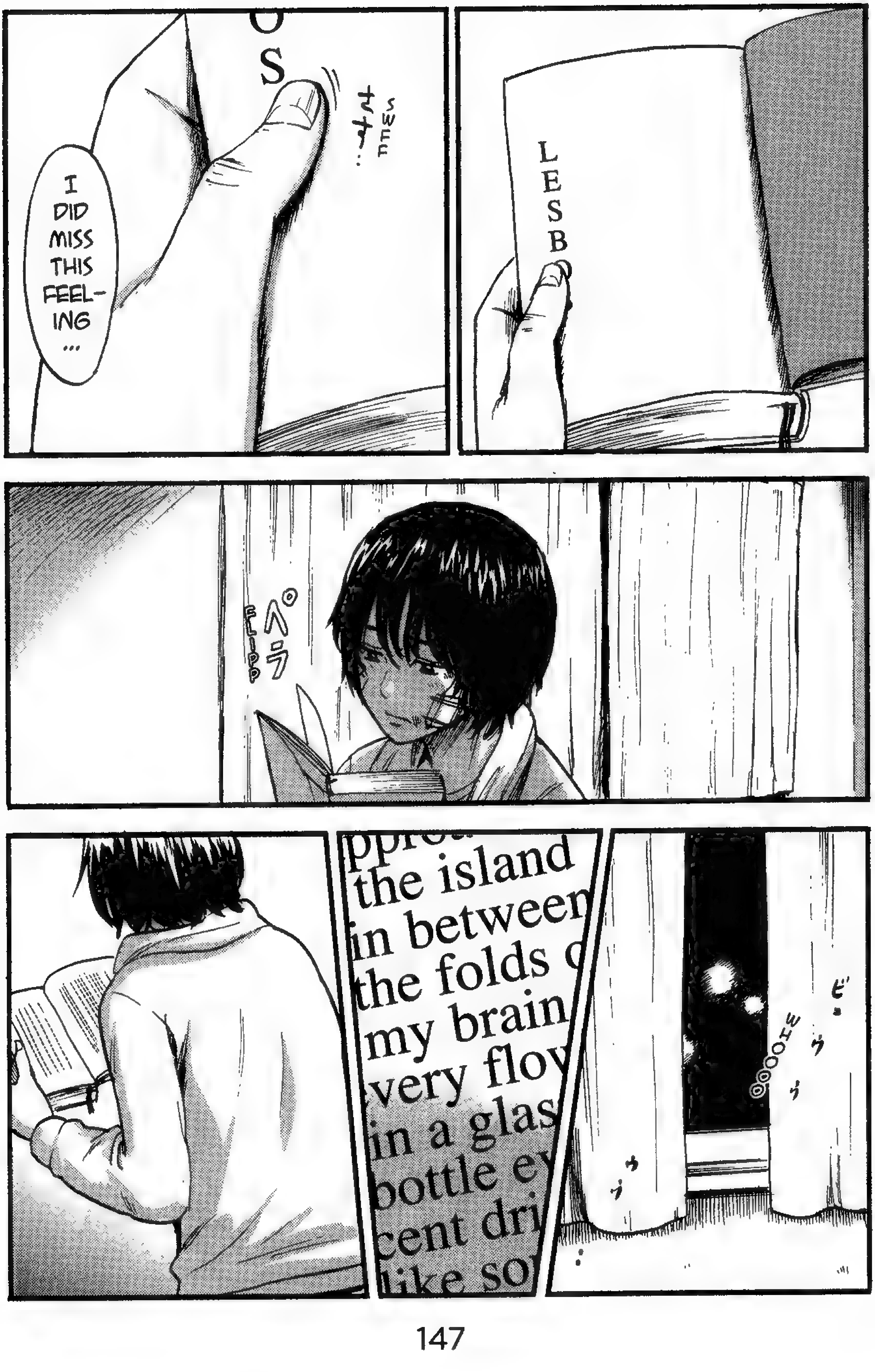
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the folds
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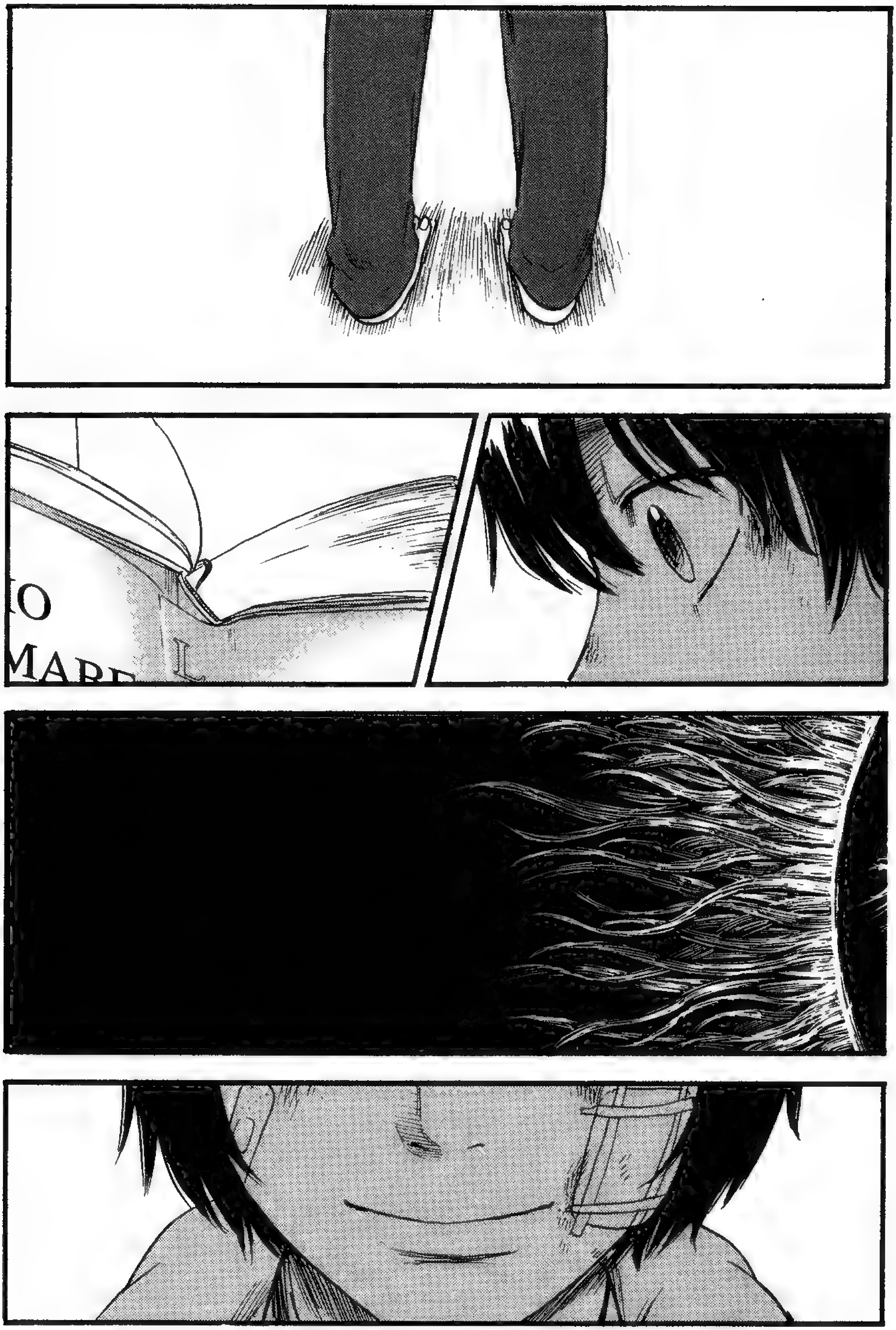
like so



THANK YOU
FOR THESE.
SOJI SHIMADA

YOU READ THEM ALREADY?
BOTH OF THEM?
コク NODD
HOW WERE THEY?
REALLY...

really ...
good!
I couldn't believe it!
MY HAND WOULDN'T STOP!
I WAS LIKE, "WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?"
I'VE NEVER READ BOOKS LIKE THESE BEFORE!

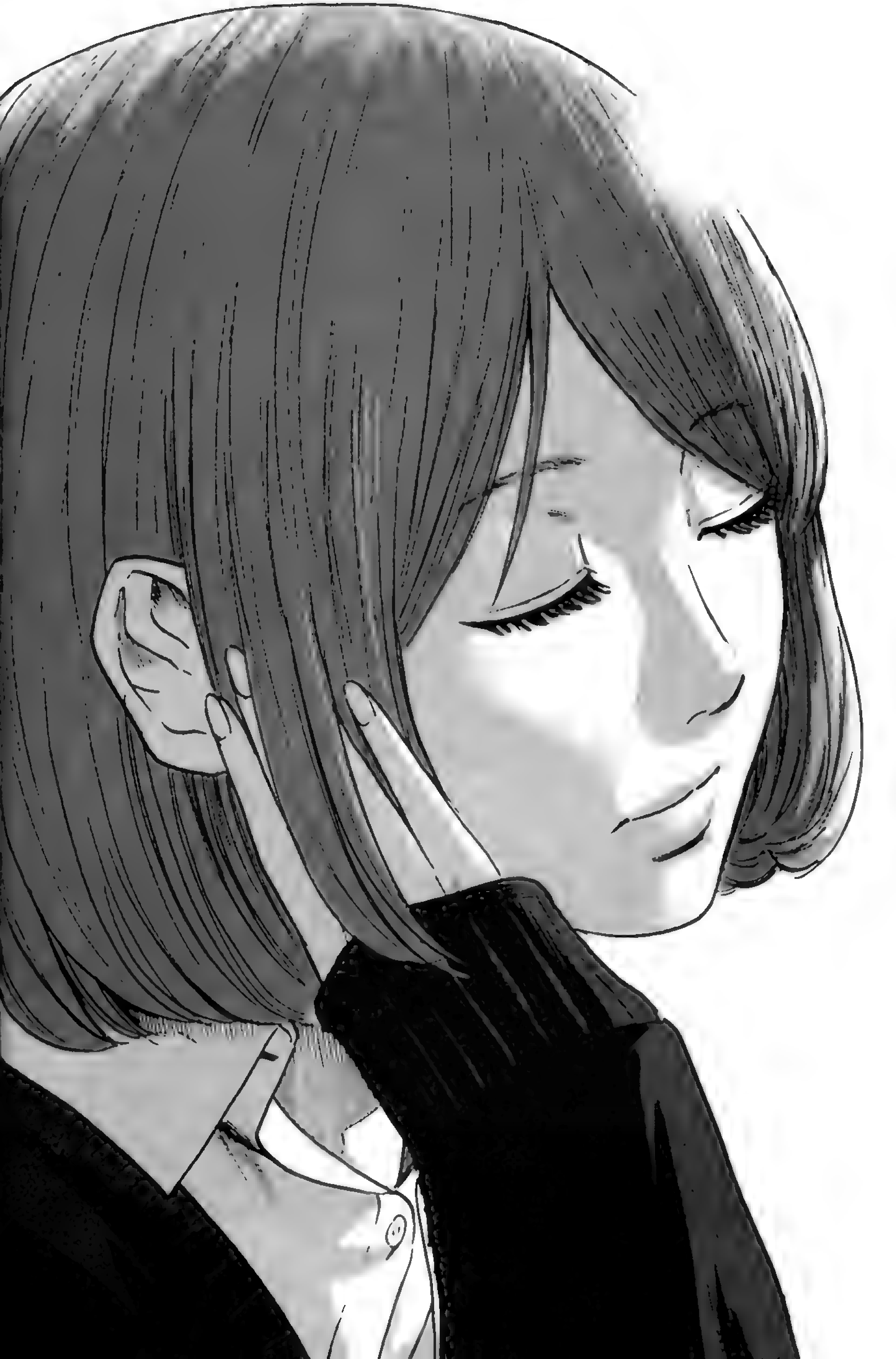
BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
I READ BOOKS LIKE I WAS SOME MONK UNDERGOING A TRIAL.
EVEN THE FLOWERS OF EVIL—
I READ IT LIKE I WAS FORCING IT DOWN MY THROAT.
UH... ANY-WAY! GOOD BOOKS I KNOW OF!
I MADE A LIST TO START OFF. THEY JUST KEPT COMING BACK TO ME.
HERE!
UM,
IS THIS A LITTLE ABRUPT?

NYAHAHAHA!

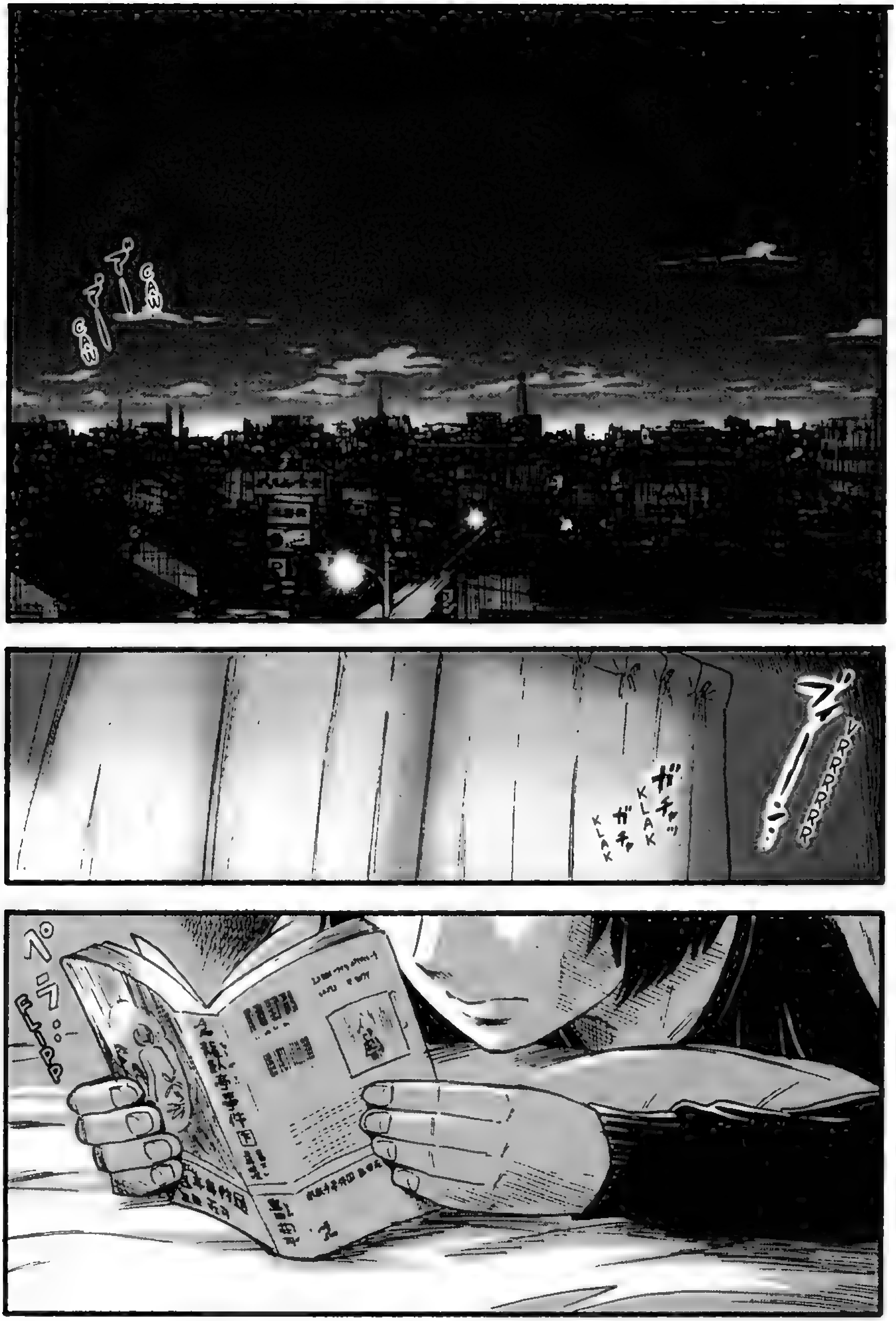
NYA-HAHAHA-HA!
SHOW ME, SHOW ME!
YEAH, OKAY.
YEAH, I'VE READ MOST OF TSUTSUI'S WORKS.
THE EROTIC ROAD IS CRAZY!
AH, OFFERING TO NOTHINGNESS.
YEAH, THAT STUFF, HUH?
HM?
YOU KNOW...
Ah!

HUH?
SORRY.
I JUST REALIZED MY BOY-FRIEND'S WAITING.
I'VE GOTTA GO.
OH...
THANKS FOR THIS!
I'LL USE IT FOR REFER-ENCE!

BYE!
KREAK
SLAM



Chapter 37: Shafts of Winter Sunlight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CAW
VRRRRRR
KLAK
KLAK
FLIPP

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FLIPP

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CHATTER
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パタン
FLUP
WHEW ...
KASUGA!

IS THAT
ANOTHER BOOK YOU BORROWED FROM TOKIWA?
YEAH.
GEEZ.
AND NOW YOU'RE ALL INTO READING?
WHOAH WHOAH WHOAH WHOAH WHOAH
KASUGA, DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT TOKIWA HAS A BOY-FRIEND.
THIS IS A LOVE BEYOND YOUR REACH.

NO... LOOK, I SAID IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
I JUST BORROW BOOKS FROM HER AND READ THEM,
THAT'S IT.
ACTIN' ALL COOL!
YOU'RE STILL A VIRGIN TOO, AREN'T YOU?!
OOPS
MMPH
DON'T HOG HER ALL FOR YOURSELF, OKAY?
...
ASK HER IF SHE'D LIKE TO GO TO KARAOKE AGAIN.

キーンコーンカーンコーン
DING DONG DING DONG
SEE YA!
BYE BYE!
ヒュ〜ウ〜
WHOOOOOO
HAAAAAH
ぼふ
URGH
ぼふっ
BOFF

"URGH."
NYA HA HA HA HA.
SO.
DID YOU READ IT?

THANKS.
I READ IT.
YEAH.
SHUFF
FAST AS EVER, I SEE.
SO HOW WAS IT?
IT WAS GREAT!
SERIOUSLY GOOD...
IT MIGHT BE MY FAVORITE IN THE SERIES.

I KNOW, RIGHT?!
IT IS SOMETHING ELSE, ISN'T IT?
I JUST... FELT FOR THAT ISHIOKA GUY SO MUCH
I ALMOST CRIED.
YEAH, I KNOW!
THAT SENSE OF BEING ABANDONED, OF BEING LEFT BEHIND!
BUT THEN HE SOLVES IT ON HIS OWN.
THAT PART'S JUST... REALLY TOP-NOTCH.
I KNOW, IT DOES MAKE YOU WANNA CRY!
AWW, I'M STARTING TO WANT TO READ IT AGAIN!

SO... THE NEXT ONE.
YOU SAID YOU'D BRING IT TODAY.
OH, SORRY.
I FOR-GOT.
HUH ?!
C'mon!
I have to read the next one!
No way, I've got nothing to read tonight!

I STAYED OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE
AND CAME STRAIGHT TO SCHOOL.
I COULDN'T HELP IT, OKAY?
AH ...
I SEE.
OKAY THEN.
SORRY.
WHAK
UGH

YOU FEEL THAT LET DOWN?
WANNA COME BY MY HOUSE TO PICK IT UP?
UH...
CAN I?
SURE, WHY NOT.
'KAY, LET'S GO.

UH, YEAH.
TOKIWA!
WHAT-CHA DOIN'?
OH.
NOTHING?
SHF

WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT BOOK IS IT?
OH, IT'S NOTH-ING.
HA HA
NO-THING, HUH? SUSPI-CIOUS!
WHO'S THIS GUY?
UHM, THIS IS KASUGA, FROM CLASS B.
AH...
HMM.

SO, TOKIWA, WANNA GO TO KARA-OKE?
C'MON, LET'S GO!
SORRY, I CAN'T.
I'VE GOT SOME-THING TO DO WITH KASUGA HERE.
HUH ?!
SOME-THING TO DO ?

YEAH, Y'KNOW?
DON'T MIND ME.
LET'S GO.
UH... YUP!
BYE BYE!
BYE BYE!
SO WHO IS HE?
NO IDEA.
...

WAS THAT OKAY ?
HM ?
I MEAN... YOUR FRIENDS.
TURNING DOWN THEIR INVITA-TION...
OH, THAT ?
SURE. WHY DO YOU ASK?
JUST ...
AH, WE'RE HERE.

SO, WANT TO COME UP FOR A SEC?
TH-
IT'S OK.
THANKS FOR HAVING ME...
KATHUK

ガチャ
KCHAK
I'M HOME!
I BROUGHT A FRIEND OVER.
OH, MY.
WELCOME.
MY ROOM'S UPSTAIRS.
C'MON UP.
UH... HI.
PARDON THE INTRUSION.

トン TUP
トン TUP
!
つん POKE
YOU'RE THE FIRST GUY
MY LI'L SISTER HAS EVER BROUGHT OVER.
WHA ?!
Argh !!
It's not like that so just knock it off, okay ?!

TAKE YOUR TIME.
...
GOD.
ガチャ...
KCHIK
STEP RIGHT IN.

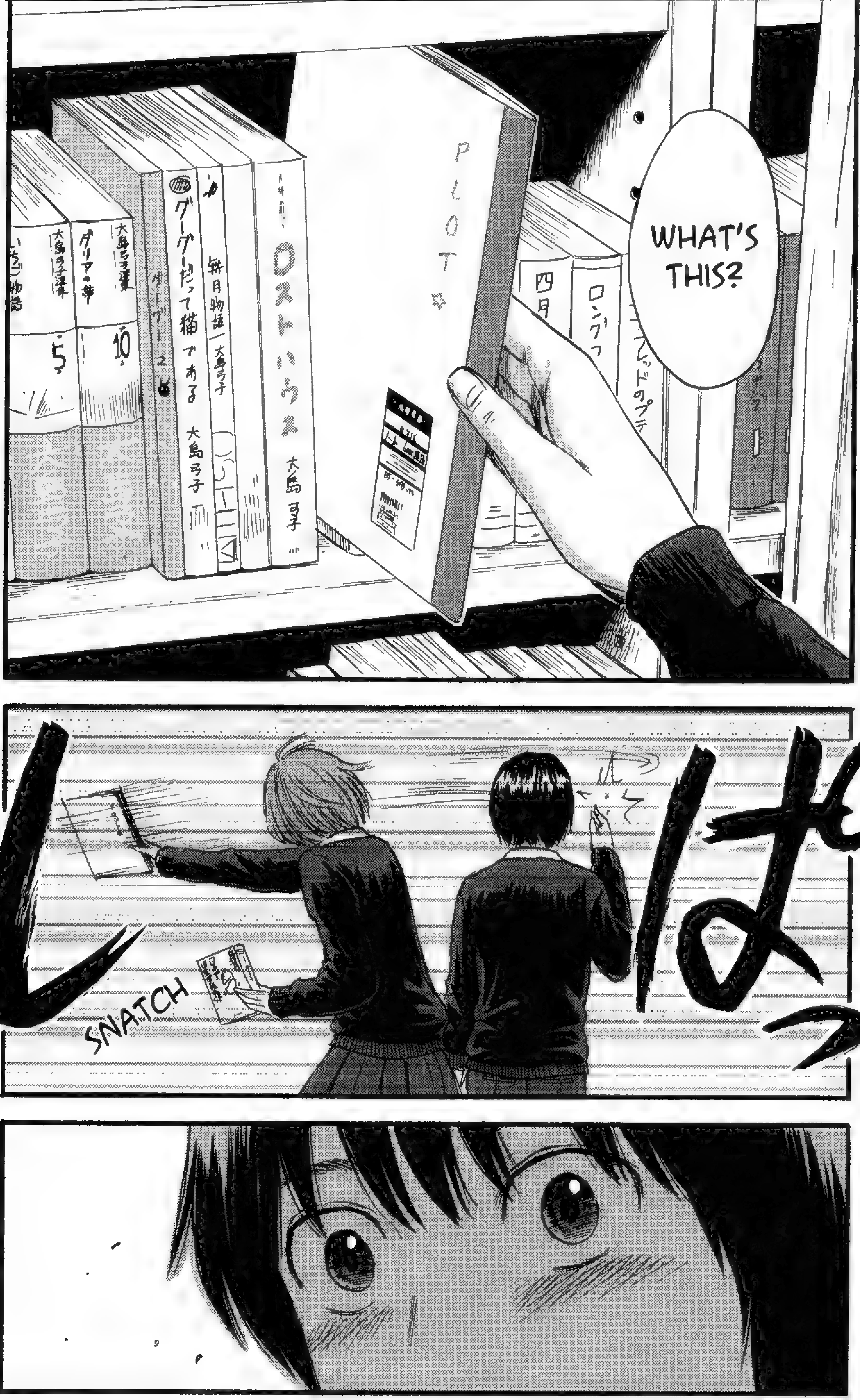
JUST SIT WHER-EVER.
...
NOW ...
TOTT とて
TOTT とて
SWISH

HMM ...
WHERE WAS IT?
AH!
HERE WE GO.

HOLY ...
HOW DID YOU COLLECT THIS MANY?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
AND HEY!
SWISH
IT'S ICKY HOW YOU'RE STARING AT THEM!

WHA …

I'M GENUINELY AMAZED ...
...


WHAT'S THIS?
PLOT
ロストハウス
大島弓子
しぱっ
SNATCH

THIS ONE IS
OFF-LIMITS.
IS IT
BY ANY CHANCE ...
SOMETHING YOU WROTE, TOKIWA?

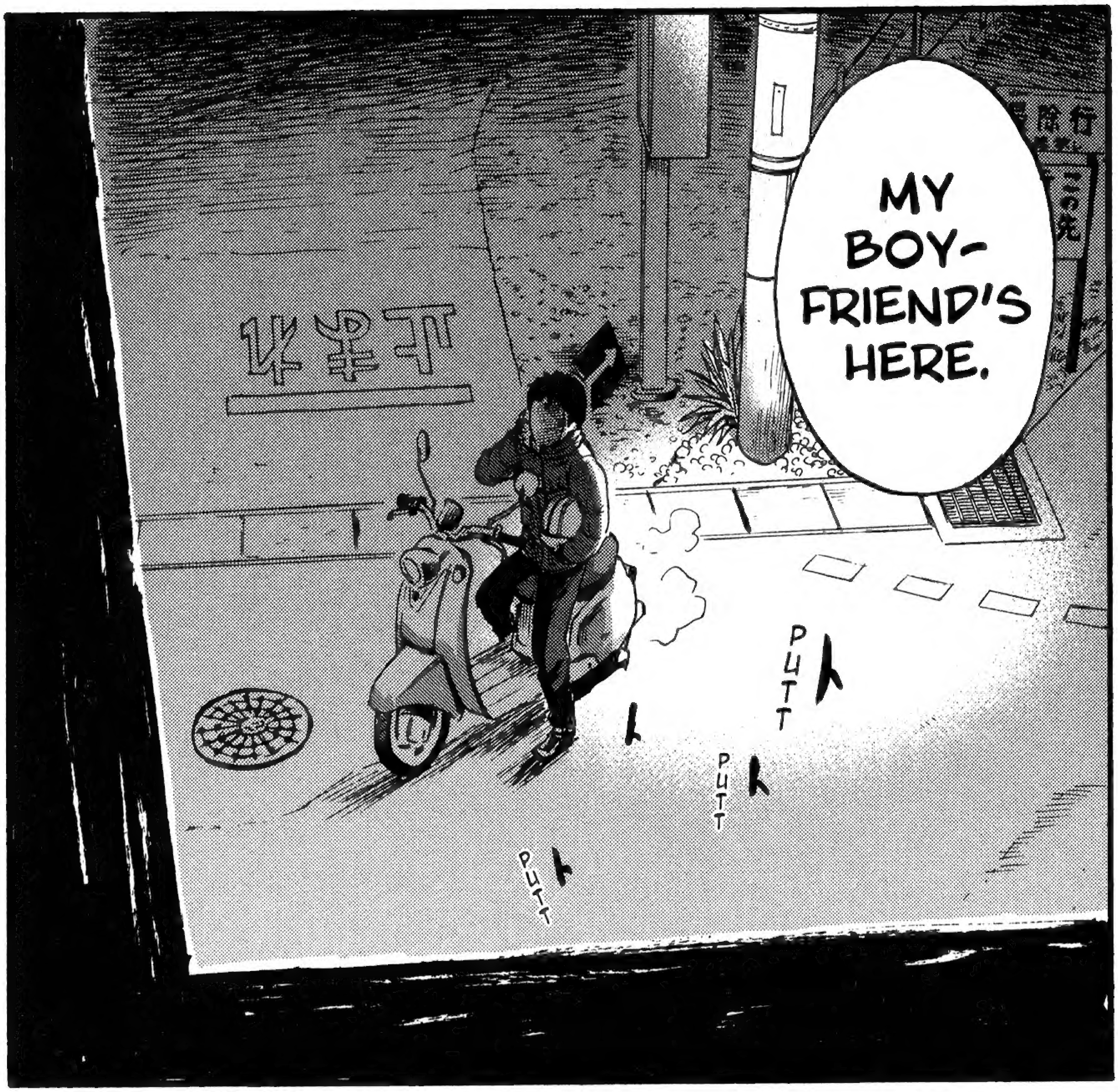
...
UM, NO?
SHOW ME! WHAT IS IT?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A NOVEL!!
N—
I SAID NO, ALL RIGHT?!

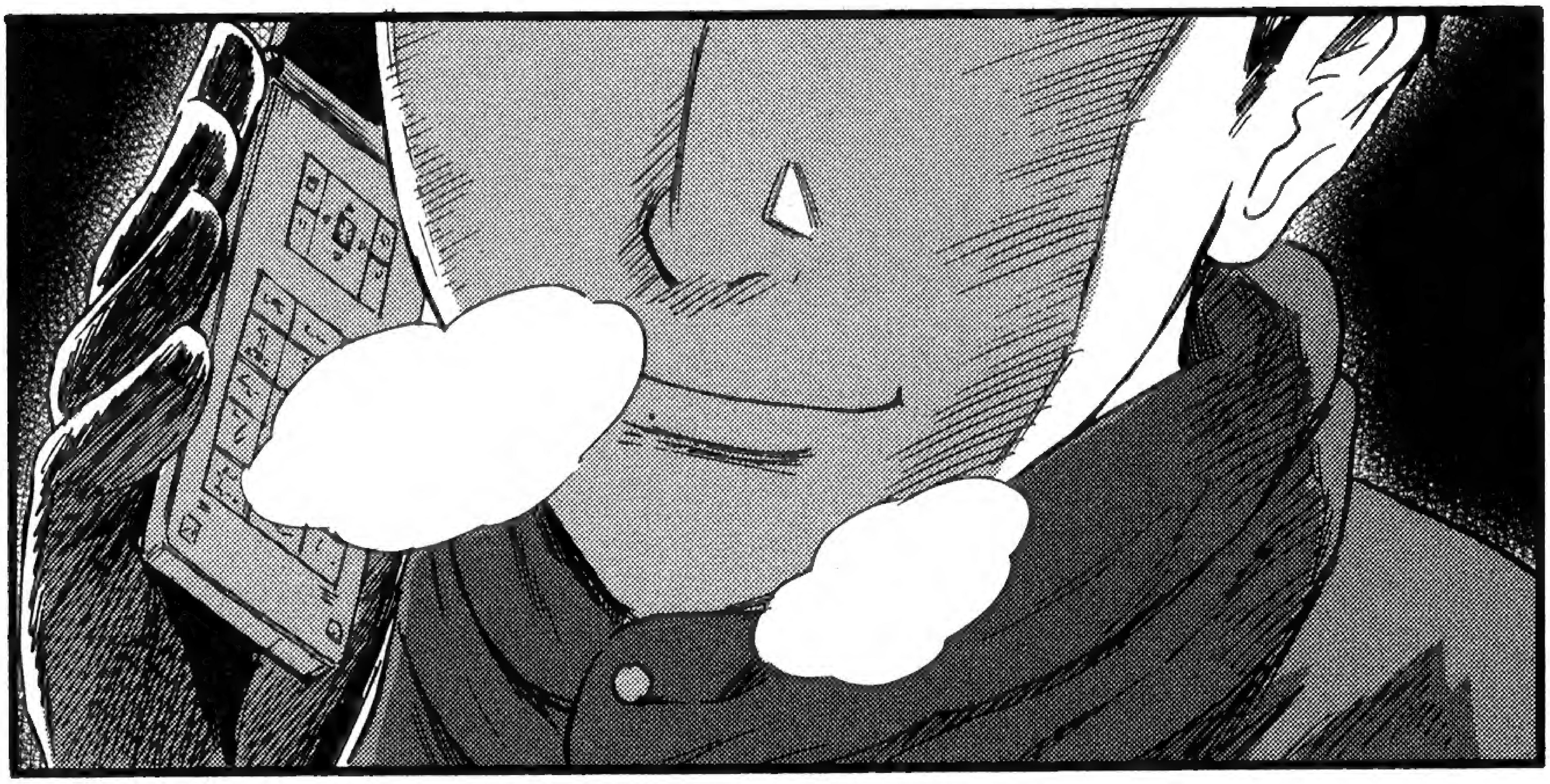
SHOW ME!
...
NMM ...
WELL, SINCE YOU INSIST,
I GUESS ...

IF YOU LAUGH, I'LL KILL YOU.
OKAY.
I MEAN, IT'S ONLY JUST A PLOT RIGHT NOW.
PLOT☆

PRRRR
PRRRR
OH, SORRY.
PRRR
HANG ON, JUST A SEC.
PRRR
PRR...
YES, HELLO?
YEAH, I'M FINE!
YEAH... YEAH.
HUH?
WAIT, IT'S NOTHING LIKE—
HUH?!

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
RATTLE
WHOOO
OH.
WHOOO
UH, KASUGA
MY BAD ...





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